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## Deployed Corps employees available to speak

Walla Walla, Wash. – News agencies and other organizations interested speaking with volunteers who have deployed overseas in support of the Global War on Terror can contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers here.

More than 50 soldiers and civilian employees of the Corps' Walla Walla District have deployed overseas to support U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"That's almost 7.5 percent of our District's 700 employees," said Lt. Col. Edward J. Kertis, commander and District engineer. "I'm particularly proud of our employees' volunteer spirit. I ask each one who volunteers why they want to go, and they all express a sense of wanting to help and a feeling that they can make a difference.

"Some of them have volunteered for consecutive deployments," he added. "We have several folks who have deployed two and three times."

Returned deployees are available for news media interviews or to present information as guest speakers on a wide range of subjects about the Corps' support to the nation's overseas requirements.

A Speaker's Bureau request form can be submitted electronically at:

[http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/OFFICES/PA/Bureau/Speaker\\_Cover\\_Page.htm](http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/OFFICES/PA/Bureau/Speaker_Cover_Page.htm)

For more information about this program or to arrange an interview with a recently deployed Corps member, contact the Walla Walla District Public Affairs Office at (509) 527-7020.

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